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"The Senate Preparedness Subcommittee heard the head of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, Mr. Allen Dulles, he of the walrus mustachios and tweedy suits, and while the testimony was in secret session, it was reported to be very disturbing from the standpoint of intelligence reports on the Russian missile program and progress. Some senators were frankly skeptical that the reports were accurate, said that they doubt that Mr. Dulles knows what he's talking about, because his CIA force inside Russia is known to be very sketchy, probably nonexistent, so far as Russian government sources themselves are concerned.

"This, of course, is one of the great weak spots of the government at the present time, this CIA. It has no supervision or surveillance on the part of Congress, and Congress isn't even allowed to know what it spends its appropriations on or what its activities are. It spends huge sums on the very questionable Radio Free Europe and affiliated operations. It owns a big share in the Central Air Transport, CAT, the airline that connects Formosa to Tokyo and Hong Kong, and these are just two of many.

"Wherever you go over the world you run into purportedly privately owned operations of one kind or another, businesses and factories and whatnot, commonly known to be blinds for the CIA, although Congress is never allowed to know about them. That, basically, is a dangerous situation, any way you look at it.

"When any agency of government is allowed to have free rein, unchecked and uninspected, to conduct operations on such a basis as that, it's the breeding ground for trouble, and there have been long rumors of trouble in the CIA, to the extent that there have been several moves to set up a Congressional watchdog committee over it, similar to the atomic energy watchdog committee, which would have authority to go into all affairs of the operation on a confidential basis.

"Just why the operations are not blanketed under the FBI is more than I have ever been able to understand, anyway. As it is, the FBI is an intelligence agency of the government for domestic affairs, while the CIA is the intelligence agency for international affairs.

"In any event, Mr. Allen Dulles was very disturbing to the gentlemen of the Senate in what he told them today, and Chairman Lyndon Johnson said it may be that the information can never be released to the public."